

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22 and 23 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 as indicated below in the detailed listing of claims.

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of data storage employing a tape cartridge having a cartridge memory, the method comprising:

storing a cartridge stamp and a set of label data in the cartridge memory;
updating the set of label data; and,
updatingdetermining if the cartridge stamp in response to updating the set of label datahas been updated.

Claim 2 (currently amended). A method of data storage employing a tape cartridge having a cartridge memory, the method comprising:

storing a cartridge stamp and a set of label data in the cartridge memory;
updating the set of label data;
updating the cartridge stamp in response to updating the label data;
performing a first reading of the cartridge stamp;
performing a second reading of the cartridge stamp; and,
looking for a difference in the cartridge stamp between the first reading and the second reading.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). A method of data storage employing a tape cartridge having a cartridge memory, the method comprising:

storing a cartridge stamp and a set of label data in the cartridge memory;
updating the set of label data;
updatingdetermining that the cartridge stamp in response to updating the set of label datahas been updated;
determining that the set of label data has been updated; and,
reading the[[a]] set of label data in response to determining that the cartridge stamp has been updated.

1 Claim 5 (previously presented). The method of claim 2, and wherein the cartridge
2 stamp comprises a real-time stamp.

3 Claim 6 (previously presented). The method of claim 2, and wherein the cartridge
4 stamp comprises a randomly selected character.

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6 Claim 7 (previously presented). The method of claim 2, and wherein the cartridge
7 stamp comprises a sequentially selected character.

8 Claim 8 (currently amended). A method of data storage employing a tape cartridge
9 which has a length of tape with a set of general data stored thereon, and which has a
10 cartridge memory, the method comprising:

11 storing a cartridge stamp and a set of label data in the cartridge memory;
12 updating the set of general data; and,
13 updating the cartridge stamp and the set of label data as a result of updating
14 the set of general data.

15 Claim 9 (canceled).

16 Claim 10 (original). A method of data storage employing a tape cartridge which has
17 a cartridge memory with a set of label data stored therein, and which has a length of
18 tape with a set of general data stored thereon, the method comprising:

19 storing a cartridge stamp in the cartridge memory;
20 replacing the set of label data stored in the cartridge memory with an updated
21 set of label data; and,
22 replacing the cartridge stamp stored in the cartridge memory with an updated
23 cartridge stamp in response to replacing the set of label data.

24 Claims 11 (original). The method of claim 10, and further comprising:

25 providing a reader memory; and,
storing the cartridge stamp in the reader memory.

1 Claim 12 (previously presented). A method of data storage employing a tape
2 cartridge which has a cartridge memory with a set of label data stored therein, and
3 which has a length of tape with a set of general data stored thereon, the method
4 comprising:

5 storing a cartridge stamp in the cartridge memory;
6 replacing the set of label data stored in the cartridge memory with an updated
7 set of label data;
8 providing a reader memory;
9 storing the cartridge stamp in the reader memory
10 reading the updated cartridge stamp from the cartridge memory;
11 comparing the updated cartridge stamp to the cartridge stamp stored in the
12 reader memory; and,
13 determining that the updated cartridge stamp stored in the cartridge memory
14 does not match the cartridge stamp stored in the reader memory.

15 Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 12, and further comprising reading the set
16 of label data from the cartridge memory in response to determining that the updated
17 cartridge stamp stored in the cartridge memory does not match the cartridge stamp
18 stored in the reader memory.

19 Claim 14 (original). The method of claim 13, and further comprising replacing the
20 cartridge stamp in the reader memory with the updated cartridge stamp from the
21 cartridge memory in response to determining that the updated cartridge stamp stored
22 in the cartridge memory does not match the cartridge stamp stored in the reader
23 memory.

24 Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 14, and further comprising:

25 storing the set of label data in the reader memory; and,
replacing the set of label data in the reader memory with the updated set of
label data in the reader memory in response to determining that the updated
cartridge stamp stored in the cartridge memory does not match the cartridge stamp
stored in the reader memory.

1 Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 15, and further comprising replacing the set
2 of general data with an updated set of general data, wherein replacing the set of
3 label data stored in the cartridge memory with an updated set of label data is in
4 response to replacing the set of general data with an updated set of general data.

5 Claim 17 (canceled).

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7 Claim 18 (previously presented). A data storage apparatus, comprising:

8 a tape cartridge having a cartridge memory configured to store therein a
9 cartridge stamp; and,

10 a controller, wherein:

11 the cartridge memory is further configured to store therein a set of label
12 data and,

13 the controller is configured to execute a sequence of computer-
14 executable steps to:

15 update the set of label data; and,

16 update the cartridge stamp in response to updating the set of
17 label data.

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1 Claim 19 (previously presented). A data storage apparatus, comprising:
2 a tape cartridge having a cartridge memory which is configured to store
3 therein a cartridge stamp and a set of label data;
4 a first controller configured to execute a sequence of computer-executable
5 steps to:
6 update the set of label data; and,
7 update the cartridge stamp in response to updating the set of label
8 data;
9 and,
10 a second controller configured to execute a sequence of computer-executable
11 steps to:
12 read the cartridge stamp from the cartridge memory during a first
13 reading thereof before the cartridge stamp is updated;
14 read the updated cartridge stamp from the cartridge memory during a
15 second reading thereof after the cartridge stamp is updated;
16 compare the cartridge stamp to the updated cartridge stamp; and,
17 determine that the cartridge stamp does not match the updated
18 cartridge stamp.

19 Claim 20 (original). The apparatus of claim 19, and wherein the second controller is
20 configured to execute an additional computer-executable step to read the updated
21 set of label data from the cartridge memory in response to determining that the
22 cartridge stamp does not match the updated cartridge stamp.

23 Claim 21 (original). The apparatus of claim 20, and further comprising a reader
24 memory, and wherein the second controller is configured to execute additional
25 computer-executable steps to:
store the set of label data in the reader memory; and,
update the set of label data stored in the reader memory in response to
determining that the cartridge stamp does not match the updated cartridge stamp.

Claims 22-23 (canceled).